



# **School Transition Specialist (STS) Garrison Commanders Conference Grafenwoehr, Germany 26-28 April 2006**

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**Our Mission - Manage Army installations to support readiness and mission execution - provide equitable services and facilities, optimize resources, sustain the environment and enhance the well-being of the Military community.**

**Leading Change for Installation**

**Excellence**



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## STS Mission

***To strengthen school district networks  
by promoting predictability,  
reciprocity, and equity in school  
transitions for mobile children and  
youth.***





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## Army School Transition Action Plan Programs/Initiatives Update

- **2005 Army School Transition Action Plan**
- **Programs**
  - **Student 2 Student Program (S2S) (New)**
  - **Interactive Counseling Center (ICC) units**
  - **Transition Counselor Institute (TCI)**
  - **Parent Workshop**
  - **Parent to Parent Program (New)**
- **Important Websites**
- **Way Ahead**



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## Army School Transition Action Plan & Program Update

### Action Plan Purpose

**To outline the strategy and timeline for school transitions affected by modular force movements, IGPBS, and BRAC**

### Mission Statement

**To development and implement school transition strategies that prepare Army families for successful transition of >35,000 military connected students to CONUS school systems that support the mobile and transforming Army 2006-2008 and beyond. Coordinate with national, state and local education agencies to integrate military connected students into schools.**



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## Army School Transition Action Plan & Program Update

- 2005 Army Ed Summit met October 2005 in Atlanta, GA (STS Plan Monitor for Europe)
  - Significant progress being made in the following areas:
    - Monthly monitoring of Action Plan
    - Full support from leadership
    - Web pages (sites) developed and/or updated
    - Partnership formed to disseminate information (MCEC, AUSA etc)
    - Training: TCI, S2S Program, Parent Workshops
- 2005 Army School Transition Action Plan VTC with BG MacDonald (IMA CG), HQ IMA, CFSC, Regions & Garrisons
  - 1 March date for Europe Impacted Installations:
    - Vicenza
    - Wuerzburg
    - Baumholder
    - Heidelberg
    - Mannheim/Kaiserslautern
    - Darmstadt
    - Bamberg
    - Hanau
    - Grafenwoehr/Vilseck



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## IMA-Europe Army School Transition Action Plan



- **IMA-Europe Progress and Review of Plan (attached)**
  - **Excel Format:**
    - **Green** - status indicates tasker complete
    - **Yellow** - status means tasker not complete, but on track
    - **Red** - status means tasker not on track
  - **STS request SLO make contact via phone to discuss any red status with pass due suspense**
  - **Each Garrison will monitor their installation plan**



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## S2S Program/Initiative

- **S2S Programs**
  - **9-12 Nov 05 (Hanau/Wuerzburg/Baumholder)**
  - **13-16 Nov 05 (Vicenza/Vilseck/Bamberg)**
  - **29 Jan - 1 Feb 06 (Heidelberg/ Ansbach/ Mannheim)**
  - **8-12 Feb (Giessen/Wiesbaden)**
- **11 DoDDS-E High School teams completed training in Texas**
- **Each S2S team consist of :**
  - **1 School Adult Sponsor**
  - **2 Students**
  - **1 School Liaison Officer (SLO)**



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## Army Transition Action Plan & Program Update

- **Interactive Counseling Center (ICC) units in DoDDS-E**
  - **2003/04 ICC Units in:**
    - **Kaiserslautern HS**
    - **Vicenza (Italy) HS**
    - **Wuerzburg HS**
  - **12 - 16 Dec MCEC (through Army contract) installed four units**
    - **Vilseck, Hanau, Bamberg, Baumholder High Schools**
  - **Units located in Afghanistan & Baghdad**
  - **Seven additional High Schools scheduled to receive units**
    - **Heidelberg, Ansbach, Mannheim, Giessen, Wiesbaden, Bitburg, Spangdahlem**



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- **Transition Counselor Institute (TCI) training**
  - **Grafenwoehr - 13-14 Dec 05**
    - 55 participants completed Phase I
  - **Kaiserslautern - 23-24 March 06 - Phase I & II**
    - 42 participants completed Phase I
    - 14 participants completed Phase II
  - **Today approximately 292 personnel in Europe trained**
    - Phase I - 200
    - Phase II - 82
  - **Vicenza - 25-27 Oct 06 - Phase I, II & III**



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## Parent Workshops

- **Parent Workshops Conducted**
  - **15 Dec 05 Kitzingen (morning)**
  - **15 Dec 05 Wuerzburg (afternoon)**
  - **22 March 06 Hanau**
  - **3 April 06 Wuerzburg (for HHC 1ID & 101 MIL)**



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## Parent to Parent Program (Employment Opportunities)

**Purpose:** To share strategies and provide resources for the parent/guardian as the child's best, positive, and prepared advocate throughout the child's school experiences especially during the amplified challenges associated with school transitions.

**Mission:** To enhance skills, strategies, and preparation awareness for school transition challenges and long-term school success.



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## Parent to Parent Cadres (Employment Opportunities)

- Parent to Parent teams are community-based and comprised of selected individuals (military spouses, military retirees, and civilian members) committed to the mission of serving and training military parents. Selected individuals are placed on a Personal Services Contract (PSC). The initial PSC will be for six months and up to \$4,700. Individuals will be required to perform 40 to 60 hours per month.
  - MCEC has been contracted to train parent cadre. For more information and application go to : [www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org), click on Parent to Parent

- Locations:

### CONUS

- Ft Benning
- Ft Knox
- Ft Carson
- Ft Sill
- Ft Hood
- Ft Riley
- Ft Bragg
- Ft Bliss

### OCONUS

- Bamberg
- Baumholder - Vilseck
- Heidelberg
- Mannheim - Vicenza (Operational)



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## Important Websites

- [\*\*https://www.students-travel.hqusareur.army.mil\*\*](https://www.students-travel.hqusareur.army.mil)
  - College student travel authorization & information
- [\*\*https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/education/index.html\*\*](https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/education/index.html)
  - In-State Tuition Regulations/Requirements State by State (click on In-State Tuition icon)
- [\*\*www. Firstgov.gov\*\*](http://www.Firstgov.gov)
  - Benefits and Grants (Loans, financial aid)
  - Jobs and Education
- [\*\*www.dodea.edu\*\*](http://www.dodea.edu)
  - DoDEA (Department of Defense Education Activity)
- [\*\*www.eu.dodea.edu \(DoDDS-Europe\)\*\*](http://www.eu.dodea.edu)
  - DoDDS-E (Department of Defense Dependent Schools - Europe)



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## Important Websites

- **[www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org)**
  - MCEC Assessment Resource Center:  
<http://www.militarychild.org/assessment/>
  - S2S Program
  - ICC unit (location & info)
  - TCI Training
  - Parent Workshop
  - Parent 2 Parent
- **[www.militarystudent.org](http://www.militarystudent.org)**
  - Kids 6-12 yrs
  - Teens 13+ yrs
  - Parents
  - Special Needs Families
  - Military Leaders
  - School Educators



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## Way Ahead

- **STS Review/Scrub Action Plan with Garrison SLOs**
- **STS Provide Update Review of Action Plan with CFSC by 31 May**
- **College Visits for Council of International Schools (CIS Tour) update**
  - **26 March @ Brussels HS**
  - **30 March @ Shape HS**
  - **3 April @ AFNorth HS**
  - **6 November @ Heidelberg HS**
- **Update European college/univ list for DoDDS-E High Schools & MCEC website**
- **STS collecting DoDDS-E Superintendent “Wish List” for MCEC**
  - **DoDDS-E High School College Visits top of list**



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## Installation Management Agency



***“Sustain, Support and  
Defend”***

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